

Department Reports

**NORTH CAROLINA
HYDE COUNTY
HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

From: Linda M. Basnight Tax Administrator

This is to report all tax collections by the Hyde County Tax Office Employees during the
ne, 2013.

CURRENT TAX

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	SOLID WASTE	WEST QUARTER	INTEREST
\$29,005.78	\$26,966.35	\$112.44	\$0.00 Res \$0.00 Comm	\$51.30	\$1,670.98
2012 SQWS					
\$ 204.71					

CURRENT DMV

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	INTEREST	STATE 60%
\$15,028.75	\$14,607.05	\$35.75	\$254.72	131.23

DELIQUENT DMV

2011	COUNTY WIDE	\$675.53
	MOSQUITO	\$0.24
2010	COUNTY WIDE	\$4.68
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2009	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2008	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2007	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2006	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
2005	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2004	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2003	COUNTY WIDE	\$109.06
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2002	COUNTY WIDE	\$17.19
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2001	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2000	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
INTEREST		\$123.48
STATE 60%		\$21.69
		<u>\$951.87</u>

DELIQUENT TAX

2011	\$6,327.54
2010	\$4,114.53
2009	\$2,565.23
2008	\$1,438.70
2007	\$167.10
2006	\$97.36
2005	\$122.44
2004	\$0.00
2003	\$71.33
2002	\$0.00
2001	\$122.51
2000	\$0.00
SQWS	\$0.00
MOSQUITO TAX	\$223.28
SOLID WASTE RES	\$748.27
SOLID WASTE COMM	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$5,551.52
WEST/QUARTER	\$28.83
LEGAL FEES	\$240.00
	<u>\$21,818.64</u>

2013 PREPAYEMTNS

Keith, Dennis A.	202034	\$280.79
Williams, Lee Bland	202593	\$24.35

\$305.14

OVERPAYMENT

Martin, Jessie D.	25.00
Beirne, Louise	23.14

\$48.14

Respectfully Submitted

Linda M. Basnight
Tax Administrator

Chairman of Commissioners

Code Enforcement

No. Permit Applications

Residential:

Commercial:

Other:

No. Permits Issued

Residential:

Commercial:

Other:

Inspections

Site Visits

Investigations

Call Returned

Inspections

Conferences

ODO/Plan Reviews

School

ODO Meeting

Moved back to courthouse

Miles Driven:

Fees Collected from January 2013 to December 2013

Fees Collected since July 1, 2012

Fees Collected this Month

July 01, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Building Permit Fees Collected

Inspection Fees Collected

Penalties Collected

2012 Totals

Mainland

	Ocracoke	Mainland	Ocracoke
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
8	4	11	10

Mainland

	Ocracoke	Mainland	Ocracoke
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
8	4	11	10

Mainland

	Ocracoke	Mainland	Ocracoke
7	11	16	6
0	2	0	3
61	14		
75	21	52	62
3	3	1	0
2	1	0	2
0		1	
	1		1

\$ 13,295.97 January 2011 to December 2012 \$ 33,928.86

\$27,078.03

\$ 3,290.12

County Projection for 2012/2013

\$ 12,109.51 New Residential/Commercial Construction

Renovations, Docks, Bulkhead, etc

\$ 10,475.12 Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, Insulation

\$ 1,050.00

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

\$ 12,000.00 \$ 18,106.01

\$ 10,000.00 \$ 19,801.94

\$ 1,000.00 \$ 350.00

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

June, 2013

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Mattamuskeet Village	Total
	7	4	12	4	27
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	510				
Congregate Meals Served	292				
Participants served for Congregate	23				
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	464				
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: 6-12- Legal Aid --13 attended 6-20= Magician --42 attended 6-30-- Visitation for Gilda Marshall 85 attended					
Attendance does not include: Dance Class every Monday; Girl Scouts every Tuesday. Cub Scouts Thursdays, Various Meeting, etc					

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

July, 2013

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Mattamuskeet Village	Total
	7	6	12	4	29
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	626				
Congregate Meals Served	332				
Participants served for Congregate	27				
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	496				

Special Activities:

Funeral Services for Gilda Marshall, participant of the center for 15+ years:

Open House for exercise equipment

Cheerleading camp for youth of Hyde County

Relay for Life Meeting

Hyde County Health Department Monthly Summary Report – June 2013

Clinic Nursing Services (Luana Gibbs, Margie Keech, Melissa Sadler, Jenna Brinn):

<u>Program</u>	<u># Visits</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Family Planning	20	Physicals (10); Depo Injections (5); Follow-up/IUD Checks (5)
Maternal Health	11	Initial Visits (1); Return Visits (9); Consultations (1)
Adult Health	12	Physicals (2); Primary Care/Telemedicine (10)
BCCCP	0	N/A (End of Fiscal Year – Targets Achieved)
Immunizations	5	Independent of Physical Exams (5)
STD	6	Exams (4); Treatment (1); Consults (1)
Communicable Disease	-	N/A
TB Control	-	N/A
Epi Team Outbreak	-	Compilation of outbreak summary of flu for State; measles outbreak in Piedmont Area reviewed and discussed; Lyme disease resources obtained/disseminated
Monitoring/Audits	-	STD; Family Planning; CD Chart Audits & CAPs; Maternal Health Chart Audit
Nursing Consults	6	Women's Health
Outreach/Community	-	N/A
Lab Services	6	Independent of Physical Exams (6);
Ocracoke Services	8	Office Visit – Initial (3); Yearly (1); Depo (1); Pregnancy Test (2); WIC/PCM/CC4C
Trainings/Updates	-	ICD-10 Coding; CD Annual Conference; H1N9 Webinar; Basic PIO Training; Breastfeeding Training; Online Class – Breastfeeding Supply Issuance
Update of Policies	-	Family Planning
Home Health	-	N/A
WIC – Total	61	Certifications (33); Re-Certifications (0); Pick-ups (28)
PCM	5	Case Load at End of Month (5)
CC4C	5	Case Load at End of Month (5)
PCM/CC4C	27	Total Combined Contacts (29); Completed (27)
Flu Vaccinations	-	N/A
Meetings	-	Epi Team; Staff; Radio Check; GETS card check; TB; Supervisor; Nurse; Public Health Preparedness; Post Clinic; PC Coordinator; LEP; LICC; PIO; NENCAPHN

Miscellaneous Desk Work that is required every month:

- E-mail, voicemail, copying, faxing, mailing
- Patient contacts by telephone
- Scheduling appointments, with follow-up to missed appointments
- Reminder notices for appointments/immunizations/final notices for Women's Health
- Pre & Post clinic review of charts/charting
- Daily NCEDDS check and follow-up
- Referrals and follow-ups
- Inventory (ordering, stocking, tracking) – Immunizations, clinic supplies
- Employee Travel Requests/Time Studies/Time Sheets
- Printing and mailing immunization records upon request
- Immunization consulting to parents/teachers
- Daily Lab check-in
- Blood lead notification letters to patients
- Results notification letters to patients
- Prep lab and exam rooms for clinic
- Calendar meeting, and preparation of Monthly Activity Report
- Weekly Huddle for work assignments & planning

Meetings/Coordination and Collaboration

- SNS Workgroup planning meeting for upcoming POD exercise
- POD Exercise in Camden, NC
- Discussion with Beaufort County HD regarding rabies vaccine

Quality Improvement

- Review and updating of policies based on Agreement Addenda
- Review CDC "Selected Practice Recommendations MMWR for Family Planning"
- TB Monitoring Tool

- Review and work on Continuous Quality Improvement Plan
- Change of education for clinical practice

Assistance/Information provided to Outside Providers, Agencies

- Family Planning guidance to Ocracoke Health Center; review of charts
- Immunization support to Belhaven Practice nurses

Clinical Workgroup/Post Conference/Public Relations

- Post clinic conference (2)
- Telemedicine Primary Care training for one nurse
- PR committee meeting

Accreditation:

- Meeting with Nurse Consultant for Reaccreditation training/review
- Meeting in Raleigh with Accreditation Board for final full accreditation status approval

Other:

- Ongoing strategic planning

WIC:

- Vendor training
- Breastfeeding class/supply issuance class
- Red & White audit
- Ocracoke Health Center meeting
- Webinar #1
- Prepared vendor packages for vendor training
- Mailed notification letters to vendors about upcoming training

Financial:

- Acquiring CPT codes and prices for birth control methods
- Review Budget
- Review Family Planning billing collection and fees policy

Health Education/Promotion (Elizabeth Mumm):

Healthy Communities/Health Education/Promotion – Ridge Community Garden formed by Garden Manager Dennis Bentson and endorsed by Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church field trip to Conetoe Family Life Center and included Scranton community for 15 was June 28th. Recreation Commission meeting attended with CTGP grant feedback. Health education provided to clients June 5th and 19th. School Community Garden report submitted to Nourishing NC for additional funding opportunity.

Hyde Partners for Health – Partnership quarterly meeting set for September. 2014 Community Health Assessment Leaders met for strategic planning. Seeking CHA secondary data to be provided by Shelia Pfaender - Next meeting desired before August. Chronic Disease Task Force meeting was unattended follow up with Chair Dr. Baker June 26th and Partners' Project Direct Legacy next meeting July 18th at Snow Hill Baptist Church from 10am - 12pm. Tobacco, Substance, and Alcohol Abuse Task Force met June 11th. TSA next meeting is August 13th. Local physical activity nutrition and obesity task force Electronic Billboard Monthly Tag line in place. Next meeting scheduled July 24th.

Change for Good & KBR&CTG/P – Joint Use Agreement Draft document received county attorney feedback awaiting finalization from School and Commissioners. Health Department, School, and ECU met for KBR strategic funding cycle grant application planning held June 6th. Next meeting planned with draft planned for July 12th. ECU College of Health and Human Performance Alumni Magazine highlighting Dr. Cliff Watts Professor work with KBR project. Photographer will visit July 16th and 18th.

Administrative –regular meeting updates, preparation, and implementation, minutes/notes, reports; travel; timesheets; and continuing education completed monthly.

Medication Assistance Program (Kristi Williams):

Total Patients (372) – Active (215), Inactive (156); Active Requests (148); Patients Served (15); New Patients (1); New Requests (1); Reorder Requests (14); Total Requests (15); Medications Requested (15); Medications Received (11); Medications Delivered (0); Average Wholesale Price of Medications Requested (\$10,178.00)

Environmental Health Services (Hugh Watson & Roni Collier):

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u># Visits</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
F&L Inspections	17	Restaurant (9); Food Stand (3); Elderly Nutrition (1); Lodging (3); B&B Home (1);
F&L Visits	15	Restaurant (14); Food Stand (1)
F&L Pre-Opening Visits	2	Restaurant (2)
F&L Permits Issued	2	Restaurant (2)
F&L Consults	24	Restaurants (17); Food Stands (7)
General Sanitation	2	Consultative Contacts (2)
Vector Control	2	Consultative Contacts (2)
Animal Control	2	Consultative Contacts (2) (See separate report from Health Director)
Health Education	3	Group Meetings (2); Planned Presentations (1)
On-Site Wastewater	100	Sites Visited/Evaluated (16); Improvement Permits (1); Construction Authorizations (3); Other Authorizations (2); Sewage Complaints Investigated (1);
On-Site Well Activity	5	Consultative Consults (72); Operation Permits Issued (5) Bacteriological Sample Collected (3); Consultative Contacts (2)

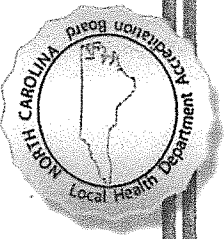
Hydeland Home Care Agency (Rita Clayton, Crystal Gibbs, Candace Howell & Stephanie Watson):

Patients Served	47	Medicare (2); Medicaid (27); Private (1); Homemaker (10); CAP (6); Proj. Care (1)
Referrals	5	Medicare (5)
Admissions	3	Medicare (3)
Discharges	6	Medicare (4); Medicaid (2)

Health Director Activity: Attended Board of Commissioners regular meeting; participated in NENCPPH Obesity Task Force inference call; met with Public Works Director & Nurse Supervisor to discuss cleaning schedule per Accreditation standards; attended department head meeting; participated in First Carolina Care insurance meeting; attended Hyde County Collaborative for Children Advisory meeting; attended KBR/Change for Good meeting; attended CTGP Tobacco Free Living action team meeting in Edenton; attended Hyde County Hotline Shelter open house; conducted monthly staff meeting & HIPAA in-service; attended Hyde Partners for Health Tobacco/Substance Abuse action team meeting; recognition of Home Health aides for National Nurse Aide Week; attended joint CCPT/CFPT quarterly meeting; met with partners from Vidant Pungo Hospital and Outer Banks Hospital to discuss Community Health Assessment for 2014; attended Hyde County NC Pre-K meeting; participated in Hyde Transformation Zone Leadership Team conference call; conducted meals on wheels in Swan Quarter area; participated in Options to Support Healthy Food Choices webinar; conducted monthly Strategic Planning/Management Team meeting; met with Seaboard Security personnel to discuss door alarm system; conducted Board of Health quarterly meeting; participated in Eastern NC Cancer Coalition Transportation Committee conference call; participated in Financially Sustainable Health Departments webinar; attended Eastern Area SPEP (JCPC) training in Winterville; attended Accreditation Board meeting in Raleigh; attended Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (BHPC) annual board meeting; participated in NENCPPH Finance Committee conference call; participated in HCHD full scale POD exercise joint meeting with Hyde partners; met with County Manager & Animal Control officer; met with County Manager and Region 9 CTGP coordinator to discuss "Smoke Free Hyde" grant; attended Telemedicine advisory board meeting in Kitty Hawk; attended NENCPPH governing board meeting and CTGP Strategic Leadership team meetings in; compiled and submitted mandatory program reports; other daily work

Miscellaneous:

- Hyde County Health Department received full Accreditation (see attached certificate)
- Notified by Vidant Pungo Hospital's Community Benefits Program that the health department had been awarded two grants:
 - \$15,000 – Project DIRECT Legacy for Men and Their Families
 - \$5,000 – Supplemental Funding for Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)
- Determined that current door alarm system is out of compliance, per County Building Inspector



North Carolina

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

By the Authority of the
NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board

Hyde County Health Department

is hereby awarded

Accreditation

June 21, 2013 to June 21, 2017

State Health Director, NC Division of Public Health

Director, NC Institute for Public Health

Chair, NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board

Administrator, NC Local Health Department Accreditation

Hyde County Health Department
Animal Control Report
June 2013

Total Documented Calls/Requests for Assistance - 3

Breakdown of Calls by Type:

- Bite – 3
- Vicious/Dangerous – 0
- Rabies – 0

Detail of Calls by Type:

- Bite (3)
 - Received call from resident in the Swan Quarter community reporting she had been bitten on her toes by her cat; cat was acting abnormal at the time of the bite – fatigued, dragging around, no appetite; Hyde County Animal Control Officer II was dispatched and cat was put down; head of cat was sent to the State Lab to determine rabies status, which was negative; resident did initiate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for her own safety
 - Received call from resident on Ocracoke reporting she had been bitten on her leg when leading a feral cat off her porch to feed it; Animal Control Officer II was already on the ferry to Ocracoke, so he went to meet the resident (who said she could identify the cat that bit her); unable to locate cat; resident did initiate PEP for her own safety
 - Received call from resident in the Engelhard community reporting her dog had been bitten by another dog while walking her dog (on a leash) in her own back yard; Animal Control Officer II dispatched to locate and pick up dog for 10-day quarantine at the Hyde County Animal Control Shelter; after 10 days, dog vaccinated and returned to owner after paying necessary fees
- Vicious/Dangerous (0)
- Rabies (0):

Report Compiled and Authorized by:

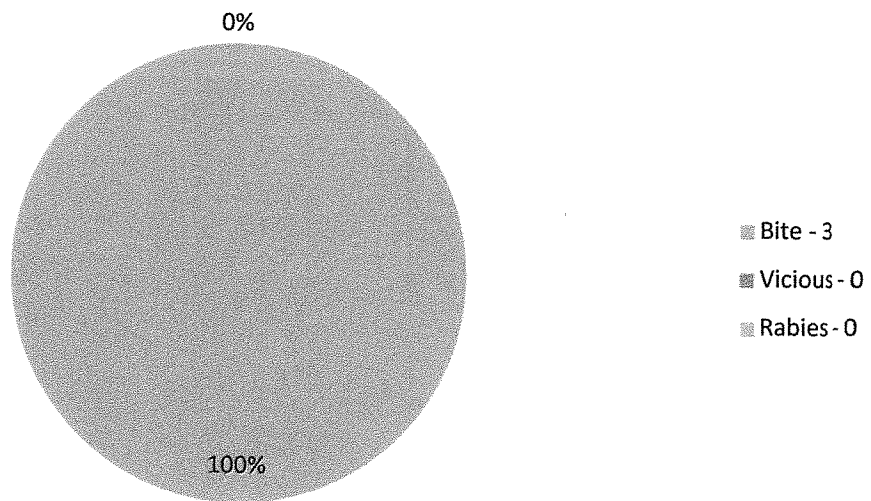
Wesley P. Smith

July 16, 2013

Wesley P. Smith, Health Director

Date

Animal Control Incidents - June 2013



Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development

July 2013 Report

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) – HURRICANE IRENE –

The scope of work for the current Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (4019 - HMGP) is the elevation of 5 residential structures which were damaged by Hurricane Irene. Many of the homes that Hyde County is proposing to elevate were built prior to the enforcement of the base flood levels as described in NFIP flood maps that were created in 1978.

Hyde County is seeking to assist these families by helping them eliminate the damages now caused by flooding events through elevation funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This program will fund the project at 100% with no local match or homeowner contribution. Hyde County is expecting to receive the HMGP Grant Agreement from the NC Division of Emergency Management during the month of August 2013.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE PROJECT

Phase One has been accomplished:

Established an agricultural COA - Certificate of Authorization from the FAA to operate UAVs in designated areas (the Engelhard airport and a few adjacent properties), for specific purposes (agricultural testing) under stringent guidelines (UAV must always be within eye sight). COA's can only be operated by universities and law enforcement entities. Hyde's is through NC State. Hyde received an agricultural COA and began flying with Bosch and NC State in March. Flights continue to be scheduled over the summer and we hope to extend invitations for reservations from other companies outside of Bosch in the fall.

Phase Two:

Become one of the FAA's 6 nationally designated test sites for UAVs. The FAA has taken applications from 24 states for 6 designated test sites. The sites will be geographically and climatically different and the purpose will be to have testing areas to establish standard operating procedures for UAVs in open airspace. North Carolina DOT Aviation has chosen Hyde County as the applicant. The full package was submitted to the FAA in February 2013. An announcement is expected in November 2013 as to the selected sites. The covered area for the test site will be much larger in acreage (approximately 30,000 acres held by the Mattamuskeet Association). \$2.5M has been appropriated in this year's state budget for UAS activities, the lion's share which would be invested in the Hyde County airport if selected by the FAA. An economic

impact analysis shows the designation would mean an average economic impact to Hyde County of \$1M annually with the creation of approximately 19 jobs. According to our partners, Hyde County has an excellent chance of being selected. NC DOT Aviation and NCSU are poised to begin operations immediately following an announcement. The Planner will be attending the National AUVSI (Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International) Conference in August with the Northeast Commission and will be soliciting for potential commercial users of the airspace.

185 Landing Road – Swan Quarter

Statements of Qualifications will be received and opened by the County of Hyde, North Carolina, at the Hyde County Government Center, Office of Planning & Economic Development, 30 Oyster Creek Road, PO Box 188, Swan Quarter, NC 27885 on August 23 at 3:00 PM, by Kris Noble, Hyde County Planning & Economic Development Director.

The project for which Statements of Qualifications are to be received is being funded by the State of North Carolina's Waterfront Access Marine Industry (WAMI) funds and is described below:

Professional service firms/individuals providing certain professional architectural and/or engineering services are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications for the proposed project. The proposed project includes master planning for the redevelopment of a multi-purpose / multi-use facility including deep water dockage access, ancillary structures and associated site improvements for use by the commercial fishing industry as well as potential use for marine research, educational interpretation and heritage ecotourism. The facility is to be located adjacent to Swan Quarter Canal Basin, a deep water basin, on an approximate 0.52-acre tract leased from the State of North Carolina located at 185 Landing Road, Swan Quarter, NC. This site was traditionally utilized by local watermen for commercial fishing industry activities, but all prior structures have been previously demolished.

Scope of services to be provided by the selected firm/individual include at a minimum: (a) confirmation of boundary survey, easements/encroachments and conduct topographic survey including adjacent deep water basin to extent necessary; (b) facilitate meeting of stakeholders identified by the County during land planning process; (c) develop optional land planning concepts, review with County staff and refine into a final conceptual site master development plan; (d) facilitate environmental scoping reconnaissance meeting with applicable jurisdictional agencies; (e) facilitate meeting of stakeholders identified by the County to identify appropriate operational management strategy including management practices; (f) prepare preliminary opinion of probable cost based on final conceptual site master development plan; (g) assist County in applying for and acquiring CAMA and COE jurisdictional permits for proposed redevelopment activities, and; (h) prepare a written report summarizing the redevelopment master plan including assessment of site, description of proposed individual facilities/amenities, precedent images, environmental permitting

requirements, constraints and mitigation measures, cost opinion, and potential funding opportunities.

ENGELHARD SANITARY DISTRICT LAGOON - REPAIR

At the last ESD meeting held in July, the ESD Board voted to enter into a contract with Rivers & Associates to negotiate the pending Special Order by Consent with NC DENR and to make the initial application to the NC Infrastructure Finance Section (IFS) for funds to rehabilitate the facultative lagoon system. I.F.S offers low interest loans and sometimes principal forgiveness for qualifying projects. The ESD will apply for funding by the due date of September 1, 2013. Rivers will continue to negotiate the SOC with DENR. The Planner is working as a liaison for the ESD.

ENGELHARD SANITARY DISTRICT CDBG Sewer Force Main Extension

Hyde County will be accepting sealed bids for a project consisting of supplying and installing a STEP sewer collection system comprised of approximately 6829 feet of 6" DR 21 Sewer Force Main buried in ROW along US 264 to serve and supply 44 new STEP Septic Tanks with pumps, controls, and all appurtenances including electrical connections and upgrades, piping, valves, saddles, attachment to existing home sewer and gray water where separate, and destruction and filling of existing septic tanks. Bids are due to the Planner by Friday, August 23. After a contractor is selected work can begin extending the current force main from Martele's Feedhouse to Greenhill Road. This project is 100% funded with CDBG funds.

Map Review

Our office has reviewed and approved 5 plats during the month of July. All were existing parcels or recombination of existing parcels. Our office has also consulted with various homeowners, realtors, surveyors and consultants on mapping issues throughout the month.

Ocracoke Planning Board

The Planner attended the July Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board meeting. The OPAB selected a Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting. Sarah Johnson, Hyde County Public Information Officer will serve as the Secretary. The group discussed possibly partnering with the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association on a beautification project for Ocracoke. The group also discussed pop up businesses and the possibility of creating a Hyde County Business License. The license would be required to do business in Hyde County and would be a tool for tracking commerce trends and assisting business owners.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee will begin Asset Mapping of resources at the August Meeting. During this process the committee will be looking at the gifts, skills and

capacity of individuals in our communities, citizen association through which citizens pursue common goals and local government, educational and human service agencies that contribute to meeting recreational goals. Those goals include determining program priorities and creating educational programs to address those priorities.

The Planning Office has applied for a Community Transformation Grant to assist in the updating of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The asset mapping mentioned above will be a major tool towards creating a comprehensive plan.

Engelhard Marine Industrial Park

Approvals are underway and being coordinated by the Planner for the NC DOT paving of the road leading into the Engelhard Marine Industrial Park. The current tenant is thriving and has met and exceeded expected job creation at the park. Work is underway collaboratively between the Planner and the Wanchese Industrial Park to find a second tenant and begin developing other buildings within the Park.

Senior Center Equipment Grant – Blue Cross Blue Shield

The Planning Assistant recently successfully wrote and administered a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC Foundation which added new exercise equipment valued at \$5,000 to the Hyde Senior Center. Please see the attached article from the Beaufort-Hyde News, “Hyde Residents Work It Out.”

NC Catch

The Planner continues to be active in NC Catch. North Carolina Catch supports the work of the four local seafood promotion initiatives that stretch from Currituck County to Brunswick County. Carteret Catch, Ocracoke Fresh, Brunswick Catch, and Outer Banks Catch have emerged as the buoys and markers that guide consumers to local fish and shellfish sources. The groups help educate consumers on the culinary and nutritional rewards of choosing local seafood, as well as the economic, cultural, and ecological benefits for local communities and for the state.

See attached article from the NC Catch website, “I’m not much of a blogger” by Kris Cahoon Noble.

TRAWL BAN PROPOSAL

The Planner was quoted in an article entitled, “Proposal to Halt Trawling in Coastal Areas up for Vote”, featured in the Washington Daily News and the Scuppernon Gazette. The article is attached.

WEDNESDAY July 17, 2013

Beaufort-Hyde News

HYDE RESIDENTS WORK IT OUT



Lenora "Norie" Bright, of Swan Quarter, uses the new treadmill at the Senior Center. Bright is a volunteer and delivers meals throughout the county. She says she fully intends to take advantage of the new ways to exercise at the Senior Center.

Evelyn Sadler, of Lake Mattamuskeet, is on the state of the art Nu-Step. "I intend to come use this machine at least once a week," Sadler said.

Senior Center gets new equipment

BY MELINDA HARRELL
Beaufort-Hyde News

The Senior Center in Swan Quarter added new exercise equipment due to a \$5,000 grant awarded to Hyde County from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation.

The grant money purchased a Nu-Step (low-impact, recumbent cross-trainer), treadmill and stationary bike for the senior center facility.

According to Averi Simmons, grant writer for the county's economic development and planning department, the purpose of the grant program offered by BCBS of N.C. Foundation is to promote healthy and active living.

Darlene Berry, director of the senior center, believes that this equipment will help the elderly of the county, which is why she presented the granting opportunity to the planning department.

"I wanted to get new equipment

but it was very expensive," Berry said.

The Nu-Step piece begins at a cost of a little over \$2,000 and ranges to a little over \$4,000.

According to Simmons, the Nu-Step is a state of the art piece of equipment and came highly recommended from other senior centers in the region.

Berry hopes that the new equipment will be so successful that the center will be able to extend its hours to allow for even more par-

ticipation.

Currently the use of the equipment is high at the center.

"We have seniors that come in regularly and use this equipment. There is a 95 year old woman that comes in three times a week," Berry said.

Keeping seniors active has become a priority in Hyde, according to Simmons.

"Hyde County has such a large

Equipment

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population of elderly people. This equipment will encourage active living among that population. It will also help the elderly in the area to stay more active, which will in turn, combat arthritis, diabetes and high cholesterol. These problems are a large concern among the Hyde elderly," Simmons said.

Simmons is right. According to the 2011 Community Health Assessment, compiled by health organizations within the county, 15.4 percent of Hyde County residents are over 65 years of age with the leading cause of death due to heart disease.

Among the respondents in the CHA 2011 report, 33 percent of people claimed to have high blood pressure, 22 percent are overweight,

19 percent have high cholesterol and nine percent are diabetic.

All these diseases can be managed, partly, with regular exercise.

"The end result will be good for seniors if they use this equipment regularly. I am thankful we were able to acquire the new equipment and it is an excellent benefit to the center and to seniors in the area," Berry said.

I'm not much of a Blogger: by Kris Cahoon Noble

Posted on July 16, 2013 by Susan West in Announcements, Interesting Facts & History, Latest News, Uncategorized



North Carolina Catch strives to keep those following it abreast of the latest happenings within the individual Catch groups: Carteret Catch, Brunswick Catch, Outer Banks Catch and Ocracoke Fresh. Each group is individual in its own creation, focus and character while all groups are striving to reach a common educational goal: to promote fresh North Carolina seafood and support those good people behind the industry. As part of keeping NC Catch supporters in tune with our activities we try to keep our website up to date with all of our latest information including blog posts from individual Catch groups.

Ocracoke Seafood Company is the only fish house on Ocracoke Island. It is a base of operations for watermen from Ocracoke and neighboring communities along the coast and has a maritime history dating back to the early 1700s. Fresh seafood is an island ethic. Ocracoke Seafood Company is operated by watermen who joined forces with support from the community, local non-profits, volunteers and dedicated state organizations. After much hard work and red tape the group purchased the last remaining fish house on the island, renovated the fish house and the Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association was formed. Ocracoke Fresh was consequently born to promote local seafood caught the traditional way.

All of those bureaucratic hurdles miraculously overcome so that fishermen could simply just keep fishing. After all, that's what fishermen love. Whether they are members of a Down East Catch group, from the Northern Beaches or anywhere along the way, one truth holds true: Fishermen just want to fish. They want to wake up before the sun and be fixed on a course before she rises. They want fish for today and fish for tomorrow. They want fair skies and calm seas. They will endure the longest hours, the most bitter climate conditions and the hardest, most laborious work that man can stand gladly.

What fishermen do not typically care for are computers, the internet, business suits, public meetings, long forms and smart phones. Who wants to sit around and work all day on a computer when the wind is fair and there is still time to fish that net? Not a fisherman. How do I know this? Because my daddy is a fisherman. And my mama has run a crab house in Swan Quarter, just across the Pamlico Sound from Ocracoke Island almost my entire life. Growing up on a crab dock gives one a lot of insight on fishermen no matter which side of the sound they live.

So, knowing the men behind Ocracoke Fresh like I do the men from our own crab house and knowing that they would probably much rather be out there harvesting fresh local catch for the restaurants during the busy season on Ocracoke Island than home crafting a blog to update a website, I volunteered to assist. Mr. Vince O'Neal, founding member of Ocracoke Fresh and NC Catch replied, "That would be great help. I am not much of a blogger."

I smiled when I read the response because it sounded like every other fisherman I knew. What fisherman would rather be blogging than fishing, or hanging around the fish house or anything but blogging? And that's when it came to me. It was such a simple statement about the fight for the industry. No longer can a fisherman rely on his hands, his gear and his vessel alone. He's going to have to resort to blogging, surfing (and not the fun kind), marketing, petitioning, speaking, writing, calling, listening, educating and advocating for the industry. All of this takes "net" working and not the kind fishermen prefer. This networking takes place in conference rooms and meetings not out under the shade tree or out past the shoal.

No one wanted to leave home and travel to Raleigh to speak out about the proposed Game Fish Bill that loomed over the State Legislature early this summer. However, fishermen, fish house owners, restaurant owners and many other advocates banded together in droves to express concern over the

proposed legislation which would have taken three traditionally important fish out of the nets of fishermen, the plates of restaurants and the mouths of people who do not have the means to catch those fish themselves. Unity gained the commercial industry a small victory but it will take continued "net" working to hold back the Tide.

Now we will be forced to "remobilize" to oppose the Inshore Trawl Ban which would devastate the commercial fishing industry, put men and women out of jobs in North Carolina and would mean no more fresh local North Carolina shrimp on restaurant plates or available for purchase. The proposal that seeks to designate all of our state's inland waters as permanent secondary nursery areas would close those waters to trawling. North Carolina will lose a substantial source of economic commerce, a bountiful resource and a large segment of our traditional fishing industry. That's almost an unreal possibility to imagine but that is the case.

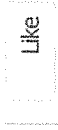
So fishermen, fishermen's wives, fishermen's sons and daughters, friends, family, advocates, community members, we must again and for the duration blog, surf, market, petition, speak, write, listen, educate and advocate for the industry. All of this, so fishermen can just simply continue to fish.

Proposal to Halt Trawling in Coastal Areas up for Vote.

Published 11:32am Tuesday, July 23, 2013

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You and one other like this.

A proposal to halt trawling in North Carolina's waters could affect area fishermen.

The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries will be voting on this issue at its Aug. 28-30 meeting to be held in Raleigh.

"The petitioner will present his reasons for submitting the petition. He will answer any questions that the advisory committees will have," said Nancy Fish, Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison

Fish explained that the petitioner Timothy Hergenrader, of Reelsboro is a recreational fisherman asking to have shrimp trawling banned in internal coastal waterways such as the Pamlico Sound, Bogue Sound, and parts of the Neuse River.

Hergenrader wants to have some area waters designated as permanent secondary nursery areas if they are not already primary nursery areas or special secondary nursery areas.

"This effect should result in a small reduction in the cost to the state of North Carolina for fisheries management since the NCDMF would no longer need to conduct shrimp size sampling in order to open shrimp season in inshore waters," reads a portion of the proposed request at ncdenr.org

The proposal includes areas of the Roanoke, and Pamlico Sounds as well as parts of Pungo River.

Hergenrader mentions that privately owned shrimp boats participating in the North Carolina Shrimp Fishery would expend extra fuel to reach lawful shrimp harvest grounds.

"These additional fuel expenditures should be at least partly offset by the fact that under the proposed change the shrimp harvested would be larger, mature shrimp as opposed to the smaller shrimp harvested inshore and therefore be more valuable," says Hergenrader.

Hergenrader submitted the petition earlier this year to the Division of Marine Fisheries. His concern is the declining population of the once common weakfish, Atlantic croaker, and spot.

Hergenrader has stated earlier that trawling bycatch is contributing to the demise of certain fish "Bycatch" is anything a fisherman catches that he didn't mean to catch. It's been a shrimp industry problem for decades.

Nancy Fish with the Division of Marine Fisheries says the agency cannot definitively say how much bycatch the shrimp trawling industry takes in.

In his petition, Hergenrader cites a study by Division of Marine Fisheries in 2009 saying that 500 million small fish are killed by shrimp trawlers every year, but Fish says this statement is not correct.

The Division Marine Fisheries will present a response and open the floor up to public comment when they discuss this issue on July 30.

"Our four advisory committees are going to meet about this. Finfish, shellfish crustacean, habitat and water quality, and our sea turtle advisory committee are all jointly meeting to hear this issue. They will make recommendations about going forward to the Marine Fisheries Commission," said Fish.

The Marine Fisheries Commission would either vote to initiate rulemaking or deny the petition. The Marine Fisheries typically sets fishing regulations in coastal waters.

The trawling ban would still face a long road before it went to effect.

"It takes two years to go through that rule-making process. There is also lag time between voting on the rules and the effect date. The process, all in all, can take about two years," said Fish.

The proposal has drawn some criticism.

Kris Noble, Planning and Economic Development Director for the Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development said that the proposal would hurt local fishermen in Hyde County.

"The Inshore Trawl Ban would devastate the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina, put men and women out of jobs and would mean no more fresh local North Carolina shrimp on restaurant plates or available for purchase. The proposal that seeks to designate all of our state's inland waters as permanent secondary nursery areas would close those waters to trawling. North Carolina will lose a substantial source of economic commerce, a bountiful resource and a large segment of our traditional fishing industry," she said.

Noble explained that the designation would be economically devastating to Hyde County as well. Hyde County would lose jobs, commerce, infrastructure and tax base.

"I cannot imagine how Hyde County could ever replace those jobs," she said.

The Hyde Board of Commissioners will vote on a Resolution opposing the designation of inshore waters as permanent secondary nursery areas on August 5, 2013.

Another petition by Megan Spencer of Ocracoke seeks to blunt the impact of the inshore trawling ban proposal.

"Local businesses, fishing families and coastal communities depend on catches from trawlers – namely shrimp – as a source of economic commerce, as well as locally-grown, organic protein. More than 90 percent of all shrimp consumed in the country is imported. By designating the state's inland waters as permanent secondary nursery areas, they would be closed to trawling. If that were to happen, North Carolina would lose a considerable amount of income to foreign competition, as well as access to this bountiful resource and a historic profession among generations of coastal citizens. Secondary nursery areas are already in place to protect habitat in inland waters. Please don't close the entire area to trawling," reads the text of the petition on change.org/petitions.

The petition is addressed to W. Robert Bizzell and has 2693 supporters.

Informational Items

**MINUTES OF THE
ALBEMARLE COMMISSION
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
June 20, 2013**

Opening

The June 20, 2013 Albemarle Commission Board of Delegates meeting held at the Albemarle Commission in Hertford was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Tracey Johnson

Opportunity for Public Comments on FY 2013-2014 AC Budget

Chairperson Johnson introduced Dwight Wheless whom she explained would conduct the Public Hearing session for the purpose of allowing a public discussion and/or comments on the proposed Albemarle Commission budget for FY 2013-2014. Lloyd Griffin asked to address the Board regarding the proposed budget. He noted he is a past Chair and Board member of the Albemarle Commission, current Pasquotank County Commissioner Chairman, Workforce Development Consortium Chair and Chair of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee.

He questioned the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) budget which has items above what was in the 2012-2013 budget. The items Mr. Griffin addressed are the salaries for the Finance Officer, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant. He said he feels the increases in the proposed budget will reduce RPO services.

Also addressed by Mr. Griffin was Workforce Development Board audit findings. The findings were 1) that the Youth Program was not meeting the needs of an adequate number of clients, 2) the Board makeup, and 3) improper billing for a vehicle purchased with WDB funds which resulted in a request to have the Commission repay \$30,476.96 to the State. A letter was given to Mr. Wheless by Mr. Griffin as an exhibit to be filed in regard to the third finding. The letter was sent by Daniel Giddens, Executive Director of Operations for the Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions and was addressed to Natalie Rountree, WDB Director.

Mr. Griffin challenged the Board to review the budget, in particular the areas he addressed in his comments.

With no further comments during the Public Comment session, Mr. Wheless suggested the Chairperson bring the hearing to a close.

Invocation

At the request of Chairperson Johnson, Executive Director Bert Banks gave the invocation.

Determination of a Quorum

It was determined a quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

Name	Unit of Government
Bill Norton	Camden County
Jeff Smith	Chowan County
Jack Perry	Chowan County
Marion Gilbert	Currituck County
Robert "Bob" Woodard	Dare County
Gary White	Pasquotank County
Tammy Miller-White	Perquimans County
Chuck Boucher	Tyrrell County
Leroy Spivey	Tyrrell County
Tracey Johnson	Washington County
Charles Sharpe	Washington County

Also present were Dwight Wheless, Legal Counsel, Albemarle Commission staff, and Lloyd Griffin.

Presentation of the FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance

Executive Director Banks presented the FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance for approval. The proposed budget and Budget Ordinance were disbursed to Board members along with an analysis of salary increases of 3.5% prior to the Salary Study and a 2.0 % after the Study, as requested by Bob Woodard at the May Board meeting.

Mr. Banks noted a 3.5% COLA for all employees in good standing is in the proposed budget. Tammy Miller-White said she knows the WDB Program can utilize unspent funds in the salary line to enhance services. She added she is not aware if this can apply to other programs. Also, how will the funds be allocated that Mr. Griffin said are due the WDB from the Albemarle Commission. Part of the WDB fund balance was there last year because services were not provided at the level they should have been. She said these factors contribute to her decision to vote against the 3.5% COLA included in the upcoming budget.

Mr. Banks said the use of vehicles as described by Mr. Griffin was somewhat misleading. He said there are four vehicles, two Nutrition Program vehicles, one vehicle for general use and one WDB vehicle. When the vehicles are used reimbursement for fuel is paid at the state rate which goes into a motor fuel fund that pays for gas, maintenance, oil changes, cleaning, etc. What is left over goes into a fund for vehicle replacement. Workforce Development auditors said a fund cannot be maintained for vehicle replacement purposes since the vehicle was paid for with grant funds. The State said \$30,000 was accumulated over and above what was spent for WDB vehicle maintenance, etc. Mr. Banks noted this money has not been spent and is in a fund balance and will be used to reimburse the State.

Mr. Wheless said the letter to Ms. Rountree from the State has a sentence saying "the sum of \$30,476.96 is questioned as program income and should be re-paid to the Albemarle Commission's Workforce Investment Act account from non-federal funds".

Mr. Banks was asked if the staff who had their salaries adjusted the first of the year would still be receiving a COLA. Mr. Banks responded the only staff not eligible for a COLA are those on probation or are not in good standing.

Mr. Woodard asked if salary increases were given following the implementation of the Salary Study done in 2012 and if they were given, how many employees received an increase and when did the increases become effective. He noted that according to his calculations approximately 30% of the staff received salary increases. Mr. Banks said the staff did receive increases in accordance with the recommendation of the Salary Study which affected about 50% of the staff and were implemented in June 2012.

The Board again reviewed what counties in the Region are offering as salary increases and at the conclusion of this discussion, Tammy Miller-White moved to approve the FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance which would include a 2.0 % COLA. Her motion was seconded by Leroy Spivey and the motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Jeff Smith asked to see the indirect administrative costs broken down by individual programs and the percentages as they pertain to the total dollar amount of the grant.

Approval of May 16, 2013 AC Board Minutes

Chairperson Johnson asked the Board's pleasure in accepting the minutes as recorded. A motion was made by Gary White to accept the May 16, 2013 Board minutes. His motion was seconded by Marion Gilbert and unanimously carried.

Approval of Budget Amendments

After review of budget amendments #43 - #48, Mr. Banks responded to questions from the floor. Following Mr. Banks' explanations, Marion Gilbert moved to accept budget amendments #43-#48. Her motion was seconded by Jeff Smith and unanimously carried.

Financial Report for Period Ending May 31, 2013

Finance Director Stephanie Humphries recapped the financial report for period ending May 31, 2013. She said negative balances on the report, if not already reimbursed will be in the upcoming month. Jeff Smith questioned the approximate \$600,000 shown as a fund balance for the Aging Program. It was noted that these funds were generated through the Nutrition Program. Ms. Miller-White noted the budget shows that \$400,000 will be pulled from the \$600,000 during the upcoming year.

Director's Comments

Mr. Banks informed the Board of the recent death of Gates County Nutrition Site Manager, Virginia Harris. Ms. Harris was presented a plaque in May honoring her commitment and service to the Commission and the Gates County Nutrition Program.

Mr. Banks responded to a request made by Gary White earlier in tonight's meeting to recap the Department of Transportation funding formula that was discussed at the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) meeting on June 19th. He said he plans to invite a DOT representative to present during the July 18th Board meeting, details of the new transportation funding formula. Mr. Banks added he believes the new formula favors the center of the State as opposed to the East and West regions.

Mr. Banks congratulated Darlene Harrell for being awarded a \$650 grant from the Mayors for Meals on Wheels.

Executive Director Performance Evaluation forms were distributed to Board members. Mr. Banks said he would like each member to complete the evaluation and return it to Ruth Mengel in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Ms. Mengel will in turn forward the evaluations to Chairperson Johnson who will review them with the Executive Committee. If there are areas on the evaluation that a Board member is not sure of how to rate, Mr. Banks said these areas may be left blank.

Chairperson's Comments

Chairperson Johnson distributed a sheet of information on the NC Tax Reform and how it impacts individual counties. She explained this information was compiled by the NC Association of County Commissioners and reflects changes from both the House Plan and the Senate Plan.

Other Business

Jeff Smith thanked Executive Director Banks for attending the last Chowan County Commissioner's meeting and providing the Commissioners with the Commission's Annual Report.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON

**ALBEMARLE COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, July 18, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – Call to Order

LOCATION: Albemarle Commission, Hertford, NC

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| ITEM 1 | Opening |
| ITEM 2 | Invocation |
| ITEM 3 | Determination of a Quorum |
| ITEM 4 | Approval of June 20, 2013 Albemarle Commission Minutes |
| ITEM 5 | DOT Funding Formula Presentation |
| ITEM 6 | Approval of Budget Amendments #49 - #51 |
| ITEM 7 | Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2013 |
| ITEM 8 | Director's Comments |
| ITEM 9 | Chairperson's Comments |
| ITEM 10 | Other Business |
| ITEM 11 | Adjournment |

Attachments: 1) Agenda
2) Minutes of June 20, 2013 AC Bd. Meeting
3) Budget Amendments
4) Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2013
5) Board Travel Reimbursement Form

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**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING RETAINING SESSION LAW 2007-550
(captioned "THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2007")**

WHEREAS, improperly sited, designed, or operated landfills have the potential to cause serious damage to the economy and to the environment, including groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS, groundwater is the source of drinking water for approximately half the population of the North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, groundwater pollution is increasing due to contamination from a variety of sources; and

WHEREAS, protection and enhancement of water quality in the State's rivers and coastal estuaries is the declared public policy of the State; and

WHEREAS, the State recognizes that ecosystems transcend state borders, and that changes affecting the State's water, air, natural habitats, and scenic resources also have impacts outside the State; and

WHEREAS, the provision of effectively managed solid waste services is of vital importance to North Carolina's economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Coastal North Carolina is dependent on tourism, and visitors are drawn to the North Carolina coast by the beauty of our natural environment and the recreation and enjoyment that it provides; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a mega-landfill would create a disincentive to other, cleaner industry siting in the area; and

WHEREAS, a series of recent studies indicate that large landfills cause significant devaluation of residential properties in surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote methods of solid waste management that are alternatives to disposal in landfills; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the General Assembly of North Carolina adopted Session Law 2007-550, that set new permitting standards for landfills, including setbacks from wildlife refuges, parks and gamelands; increased bonding requirements for landfill operators; and stronger standards for leak prevention and detection; and created a state solid waste disposal tax and dedicated the tax revenues to recycling programs and cleanup of contamination from old, unlined landfills; and

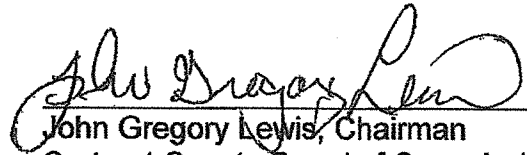
WHEREAS, North Carolina's current capacity for waste disposal is sufficient to accommodate twenty nine years of waste disposal at the State's current rate of landfill use of approximately 7.6 million tons per year, even if no new landfills are opened in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to retains the safeguards guaranteed to North Carolina citizens in Session Law 2007-550 by rejecting any attempt to override or rewrite landfill regulations in North Carolina.

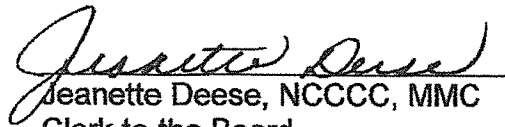
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners calls upon all other municipal and county governing bodies of North Carolina to pass similar resolutions to this one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to our legislative delegation and to the leadership of the North Carolina General Assembly.

ADOPTED, this the 15th day of July 2013.


John Gregory Lewis, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Jeanette Deese, NCCCC, MMC
Clerk to the Board

31 of each even-numbered year, and copies shall be made available to any member of the General Assembly upon request."

REPEAL INTERMODAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 34.9. The following statutes are repealed:

- (1) G.S. 136-16.4.
- (2) G.S. 136-16.5.
- (3) G.S. 136-16.7.
- (4) G.S. 136-16.8.
- (5) G.S. 136-16.9.

FLEXIBLE USE OF FUNDS TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RURAL AND HUMAN SERVICE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SECTION 34.10. In order to ensure maximum funding and to facilitate the use of funds available to the Department, the Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, shall have the flexibility to redistribute funding from the "rural capital" grant program and within the "urban technology, human service transportation management, and rural general public" grant program in order to leverage all eligible federal funds for operating assistance to rural and human service transportation systems. The distribution of funds to these systems shall be based on assessed system needs. This section applies only to the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

MAXIMIZE LEVERAGE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

SECTION 34.11. The Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, shall provide local public transportation systems with maximum flexibility to use State operating funds from the "urban and regional maintenance" and "urban technology, human service transportation management, and rural general public" grant programs to leverage all eligible federal transit operating assistance funds. This section applies only to the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

GRANT FLEXIBILITY FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

SECTION 34.12. The Department of Transportation, Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, may redistribute funds appropriated to the Regional Bicycle Planning Grant program to the Municipal Planning Grant program to award grants to municipalities based on assessed need and the extent to which the Division finds that the municipality's application for grant funding fulfills applicable selection criteria.

FERRY TOLLING

SECTION 34.13.(a) Notwithstanding the date set forth in Section 24.18(b) of S.L. 2012-142, as rewritten by Section 6.2 of S.L. 2012-145, by which the Department of Transportation is required to collect tolls based on the proposed March 2012 amendment to 19 NCAC 02D .0532, the Department shall collect tolls as set forth in this section.

SECTION 34.13.(b) G.S. 136-82 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.

(a) Powers of Department. – The Department of Transportation is vested with authority to provide for the establishment and maintenance of ferries connecting the parts of the State highway system, whenever in its discretion the public good may ~~so require~~ require, and shall prescribe and collect tolls on the ferry routes as established by the Board of Transportation, ~~on the ferry routes. The Board of Transportation shall establish tolls for all ferry routes, except for the Ocracoke/Hatteras Ferry and the Knotts Island Ferry. Transportation following the procedures set forth in this section.~~

(b) Establishment of Tolling. – The Board of Transportation may establish tolls on any untolled ferry route as set forth in this subsection. Prior to establishing tolls on an untolled ferry route, the Board of Transportation must receive a resolution approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee of each affected local transportation planning organization requesting tolls on that route. No later than March 1, 2014, the Department shall hold a separate public hearing in the geographic area of each untolled ferry route and invite each affected local transportation planning organization. At the public hearing, the Department shall present an explanation of the toll setting methodology, the impact of tolling on the availability of funding for other local transportation priorities, and the minimum and maximum toll rates. After the public hearing, an affected local transportation planning organization may consider and adopt a ferry tolling resolution. The Board of Transportation shall adopt the toll at its next regularly scheduled meeting after receipt of the ferry tolling resolutions required by this subsection. The Department shall collect the toll as soon as is feasible following its adoption, but in no case more than 180 days after adoption of the toll. The establishment of tolls by the Board of Transportation pursuant to the authority granted in this section shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. For purposes of this section, "affected local transportation planning organization" means any Metropolitan Planning Organization or Rural Transportation Planning Organization with geographic jurisdiction over any part of an untolled ferry route, and "untolled ferry route" means any ferry route for which no tolls were in effect as of June 30, 2013.

(c) Revisions of Tolls. – The Department of Transportation shall report to the Fiscal Research Division, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and all affected local transportation planning organizations 30 days prior to any change in toll rates or change in the toll setting methodology by the Board of Transportation.

(d) Use of Toll Proceeds. – The Department of Transportation shall credit the proceeds from tolls collected on North Carolina Ferry System routes and receipts generated under subsection (e) of this section to reserve accounts within the Highway Fund for each of the Highway Divisions in which system terminals are located and fares are earned. For the purposes of this subsection, fares are earned based on the terminals from which a passenger trip originates and terminates. Commuter pass receipts shall be credited proportionately to each reserve account based on the distribution of trips originating and terminating in each Highway Division. The proceeds credited to each reserve account shall be used exclusively for prioritized North Carolina Ferry System ferry passenger vessel replacement projects in the Division in which the proceeds are earned. Proceeds may be used to fund ferry passenger vessel replacement projects or supplement funds allocated for ferry passenger vessel replacement projects approved in the Transportation Improvement Program.

(e) Powers of Department. – To accomplish the purpose of this section ~~said section~~, the Department of Transportation is authorized to acquire, own, lease, charter or otherwise control all necessary vessels, boats, terminals or other facilities required for the proper operation of ~~such the~~ ferries or to enter into contracts with persons, firms or corporations for the operation thereof and to pay ~~therefor such the~~ reasonable sums ~~as may that~~ in the opinion of ~~said the~~ Department of Transportation represent the fair value of the public service rendered.

(f) Authority to Generate Certain Receipts. – The Department of Transportation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may ~~operate, operate~~ or contract for the following receipt-generating activities and use the proceeds for ferry passenger vessel replacement projects in the manner set forth in subsection (c) of this section:

- (1) operation ~~Operation~~ of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities to provide to passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal comfort items, Internet access, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system.
- (2) The sale of naming rights to any ferry vessel, ferry route, or ferry facility.

(3) Advertising on or within any ferry vessel, including display advertising and advertising delivered to passengers through the use of video monitors, public address systems installed in passenger areas, and other electronic media.

(4) Any other receipt-generating activity not otherwise forbidden by applicable law pertaining to public health or safety.

(g) Confidentiality of Personal Information. – Identifying information obtained by the Department related to operation of the ferry system is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and is subject to the disclosure limitations in 18 U.S.C. § 2721 of the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act. The Department shall maintain the confidentiality of all information required to be kept confidential under 18 U.S.C. § 2721(a), as well as any financial information, transaction history, and information related to the collection of a toll or user fee from a person, including, but not limited to, photographs or other recorded images or automatic vehicle identification or driver account information generated by radio-frequency identification or other electronic means. The Department may use identifying information only for purposes of collecting and enforcing tolls. Nothing in this section is intended to limit the right of any person to examine that person's own account information, or the right of any party, by authority of a proper court order, to inspect and examine identifying information."

SECTION 34.13.(c) No later than January 1, 2014, the Board shall adopt a methodology and expected minimum and maximum tolls for use in establishing tolls for ferry routes under G.S. 136-82, as amended by this section. The Board of Transportation shall consider the needs of commuters and other frequent passengers in its adoption of toll rates and the toll rate methodology.

SECTION 34.13.(d) The Department of Transportation shall continue to collect tolls on all ferry routes for which tolls were in effect as of June 30, 2013.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY REPORTING AND DIVIDENDS

SECTION 34.14.(a) Reporting and Oversight. – G.S. 124-1 reads as rewritten:
"§ 124-1. Control of internal improvements.

The Governor and Council of State shall have charge of all the State's interest in all railroads, canals and other works of internal improvements. The Board of Directors of a State-owned railroad company shall be responsible for managing its affairs and for reporting as set forth in ~~G.S. 124-3~~ G.S. 124-17."

SECTION 34.14.(b) Article 2 of Chapter 124 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section, G.S. 124-15. G.S. 124-6(b), as amended by Section 3.3(a) of S.L. 1999-431, is recodified as G.S. 124-15(a). G.S. 124-5(b) is recodified as G.S. 124-15(b). G.S. 124-15, as enacted and amended by this subsection, reads as rewritten:

"§ 124-15. Board of directors; appointment and approval of encumbrances.

(a) ~~Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, G.S. 124-6, for any State-owned railroad company organized as a corporation in which the State is the owner of all the voting stock and which that~~ has trackage in more than two counties, seven of the members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Governor, three of the members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and three of the members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121. The Board of Directors shall consist of 13 members. Of the Governor's seven appointments, one shall be from the appointees to the Board of Transportation and one shall be the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary's designee. Of the initial members appointed by the Governor, three shall be appointed for terms of four years and four shall be appointed for terms of two years. Of the initial members recommended to the General Assembly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two shall be appointed for terms of four years and one shall be appointed for a

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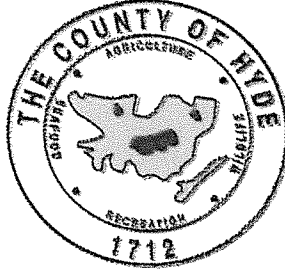
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July 25, 2013

Darrick Lee, PE, District Engineer
NCDOT Division of Highways
19210 US Hwy 64 N
Williamston, NC 27892
Courier: 10-78-01

Ronnie L. Faulkner
County Maintenance Engineer
14193 NC Hwy 94 N
Creswell, NC 27928
Courier: 16-19-02

Jeff Farrow, Director
Hyde County Maintenance Yard
1245 Main St.
Swan Quarter, NC 27885
Courier: 16-19-02

RE: OCRACOKE ROAD SIGNS

Gentlemen:

Commissioner John Fletcher, Manager Bill Rich and the Hyde County Board of Commissioners thank you for placing "Walk on Left Facing Traffic" signs on roadways in the Ocracoke Island community.

The Board of Commissioners asks that you consider placing an additional two "Walk on Left Facing Traffic" signs near Ocracoke School on Back Road.

Response and/or questions may be directed to County Manager Bill Rich.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

cc: County Commissioners

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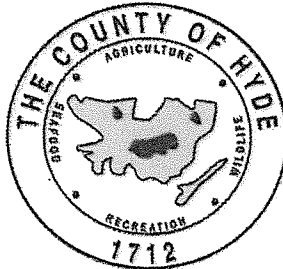
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July 29, 2013

Senator Brown @ Harry.Brown@ncleg.net
Senator E. S. (Buck) Newton @ Buck.Newton@ncleg.net
Deputy Director Gordon Myers @ gordon.myers@ncwildlife.org
Fellow Clerks @ countyclerks@listserv.unc.edu

RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 352 – BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT

On Monday, May 6, 2013 “Resolution In Support of Senate Bill 352 – Black Bear Management” was unanimously adopted by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. At that time copy of the Resolution was sent to all North Carolina counties requesting their support of SB352.

Hyde County commissioners support establishing a black bear management stamp and restricting the taking of black bear with bait and thank you for your help with the bear legislation (SB 352).

Sincerely,

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC

cc: Hyde County Board of Commissioners
County Manager Bill Rich
County Attorney Fred Holscher

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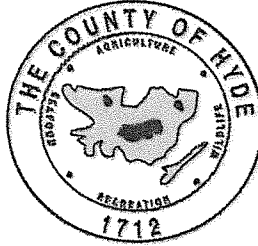
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July 24, 2013

Nancy D. Fish
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Ms. Fish,

On behalf of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express, in the strongest possible terms, our opposition to the petition for rulemaking that would designate North Carolina inland coastal waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.

If adopted, the petition for rulemaking would halt trawling activity in North Carolina's internal coastal waters and would eliminate the availability of fresh, locally harvested, North Carolina shrimp, a public resource, to North Carolina residents, tourists, restaurants and seafood retail.

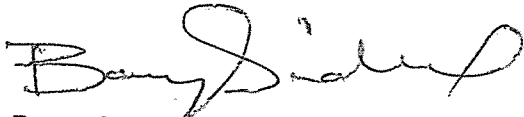
Shrimp trawling provides commercial fishing families income during the summer and early fall when fisherman need it most. Commercial shrimp harvesting plays a vital role in the economies of many coastal counties, as well as North Carolina's economy. North Carolina needs every job to keep unemployment down. A loss of such jobs will be destructive to Hyde County, in addition to other coastal communities. In these challenging economic times, it is vital that North Carolina not impose regulations that would hurt the marketability of local seafood, which is the cornerstone of sustaining hard-working fishing communities throughout our great State.

Our working watermen depend on access to inshore waters, where North Carolina's shrimp are harvested. Banning access to these waters would increase fuel and other costs, which would have an adverse effect on seafood prices and product availability at the wholesale and consumer level.

Not only would the proposed rulemaking hurt North Carolina's working watermen, but there is no compelling scientifically-based evidence to prove that designating a permanent secondary nursery would enhance or improve fisheries management.

On behalf of the citizens of Hyde County and members of the commercial fishing industry, we strongly urge the Marine Fisheries Commission to reject the proposed rule reclassifying internal coastal waters as secondary nursery areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barry Swindell", with a stylized, flowing script.

Barry Swindell, Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Cc: W. Robert Bizzell, N.C. Fisheries Commission
Bill Cook, N.C. Senate
Paul Tine, N.C. House of Representatives



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Coastal Management

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Secretary

MEMORANDUM

7/12/2013

TO:

County of Hyde
PO Box 95
Swan Quarter, NC 27885-0095

Comments Due: 8/2/2013

Project: 20130061

FROM: Stephen Rynas, AICP; Federal Consistency Coordinator

SUBJECT: Pocosin Lakes NWR Land Acquisition

APPLICANT: US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

LOCATION: Various Locations in Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, North Carolina

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed acquisition of approximately 10,917 acres of land to expand the Refuge.

This document is being circulated for CONSISTENCY review and comment by the response date above. If the proposed project does not conform to your regulatory requirements, please identify the measures that would be necessary to bring the proposed project into conformance. Your response will assist us in determining whether the proposed project would be consistent with the States's Coastal Management Program. Please inform me of any corrections, additions, or deletions. If you have any additional questions regarding the proposed project you may contact me at stephen.rynas@ncdenr.gov or 252-808-2808 x209.

REPLY:

☐ No Comment

☐ This agency supports the project as proposed.

☐ Comments to this project are attached.

☒ This agency objects to the project as proposed.

SIGNED:

Bill Rynas
Hyde County Manager

DATE:

7/29/13

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Stephen Rynas, Federal Consistency Coordinator
North Carolina Division of Coastal Management
400 Commerce Avenue
Morehead City, NC 28557-3421

Lois Stotesberry

From: Bill Rich <brich@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 2:10 PM
To: 'Lois Stotesberry'
Subject: FW: Transportation

From: Bill Rich [<mailto:brich@hydecourtync.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Malcolm Fearing (mkfearing@ncdot.gov)
Subject: Transportation

Malcolm,

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the hearing July 11th but I have three (3) other meetings that day that I can't miss. Jed did tell me the 10th and I had planned that day for Raleigh.

Per our discussions last week and over the weekend the most pressing concerns for Hyde County with regards to Transportation are as follows:

A: Keeping access to Ocracoke open both by Highway 12 and Hatteras Ferry.

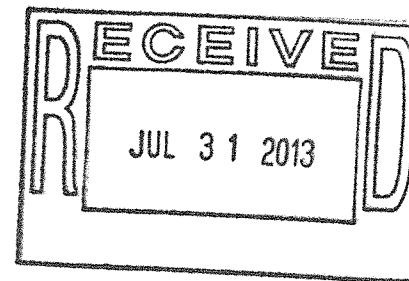
B: Maintain the current cost to ride ferries. It works and is sustainable. Allow marketing opportunity on the ferries as well as increased sales tax revenue to help make up operating deficits.

C: Help Ocracoke Village in their efforts to address storm water runoff.

D: Support the community of Fairfield and New lands Road in posting and setting signs and speed limits to keep their children safe.

Thanks Malcolm for helping Hyde County and working with us and our transportation needs.

Bill



North Carolina
Department of Commerce
Community Assistance
Community Development & Planning Division

Pat McCrory, Governor

Sharon Allred Decker, Secretary
Richard B. Self, Director

July 29, 2013

The Honorable Barry Swindell, Chair
Hyde County Board of Commissioners
Post Office Box 188
Swan Quarter, North Carolina 27885

Subject: 2012 Audit Review
CDBG Number: 05-D-2194

Dear Chair Swindell:

Community Assistance (CA) has reviewed the County's 2012 Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The report fulfills the requirements of the **North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program's Regulations, 4NAC 19L, Section .0912, Audit**. Therefore, no further action is required from the county regarding the audit report.

If the County requires grant assistance, please contact Vanessa A. Blanchard at (919) 571-4900 extension 225 or email me at vblanchard@nccommerce.com.

Sincerely,

Charlie E. Thompson, Jr., CPM
Chief, Grants Management Section

CETJ/VAB

Cc: Mr. Bill Rich, County Manager
Ms. Kris C. Noble, County Planner
Mr. Reed Whitesell, Holland Consulting Planners

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